

THE THEOLOGY OF WORK



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Home Worship Guide

Theology of Work

We were created to do work. When we think of work, we may think, “Why me?!” or we may think, “My dad works so much, I hate work.” The fact is that we were created for it and it is a good thing to be used for the Lord. Let’s explore the Theology of Work together this week.

WELCOME

Why should we do a family devotional?

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” - Deuteronomy 6:4-8

As long as there have been a “people of God,” the command given to them has always been that they would be instructing their children in the way of the Lord. Scripture expects parents to be the primary disciplers of their children.

But teaching children is more than simply giving rules. It involves showing them HOW to obey the Lord by doing it yourself! These family devotionals are meant to equip you as an individual to grow in your understanding of the Lord and His Word, as well as providing parents with the resources and opportunities to demonstrate for their children what it looks like to pursue God.

How to use this devotional:

This is simply a resource for you to use however works best for your family! Each day there is a selected Scripture reading, devotional, discussion questions, a prayer prompt, and a song to sing together. You may consider splitting parts and having one family member read the Scripture while another reads the devotional and another leads the prayer. Feel free to read additional Scripture as you call to mind passages that relate to what was read. Sing more hymns and songs with your family than the one provided if you feel led to. Use this guide in whatever way helps you and your family draw nearer to the Lord together.

PAST WORSHIP GUIDES

Are you just now learning about these worship guides? Or maybe you were traveling and missed a week. Don't worry! These worship guides are written in a way so that they can be used for years to come.

All of our past worship guides are available on our website. Feel free to scroll and find the one that works for you and your family. The dates simply help you know when they were written, it doesn't mean you only have to read them the week that they were published!

Find those worship guides here:



<https://www.calvaryleavenworth.com/homeworship>

MONDAY

Part of creation

Genesis 1:26-28

The verses you read today are not only important because of what they say but because of where they are placed. If you're familiar with the creation order and story, you'll know that the command to cultivate and take care of creation was given to mankind before sin ever came into the world. This means that work is not a punishment for sin, but that it is beautiful and good as a part of creation itself. God called all that He created, "good." If everything that God created was "good," and God created work... then it stands to reason that "work" is "good." Work was always meant to be a part of mankind's daily order. God created man to work because work reflects something of His own character as the Creator and Sustainer. It is one important way we bear the image of God: we work. Our work makes us as Ephesians 5:1 tells us to be: "imitators of God."

When did God first give mankind the responsibility to work—before or after sin entered the world? Why is that significant?

What does the creation account teach us about how God views work?

What is your attitude toward work most of the time? Do you tend to see it as a blessing, a burden, or something else? Why?

Have you ever thought of your ordinary work as something that can reflect God's character? What might that look like in your life?

Pray

That God would make you have a grateful heart toward the opportunity to work.

Sing

There's Power in the Blood

THERE'S POWER IN THE BLOOD

Would you be free from the burden of sin?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood.
Would you o'er evil a victory win?
There's wonderful power in the blood.

Chorus:

There is power, power, wonder-working power
in the blood of the Lamb;
there is power, power, wonder-working power
in the precious blood of the Lamb.

Would you be free from your passion and pride?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood.
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide.
There's wonderful power in the blood. [Refrain]

Would you be whiter, much whiter than snow?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood.
Sin-stains are lost in its life-giving flow;
there's wonderful power in the blood. [Refrain]

Would you do service for Jesus your King?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood.
Would you live daily His praises to sing?
There's wonderful power in the blood.



TUESDAY

Work is Worship

Read: Colossians 3:23-24; 1 Corinthians 10:31

In Colossians 3:23-24, Paul is encouraging slaves to do their work as unto the Lord. His point is that our work is an opportunity to worship the Lord. Our work should be done with all our hearts. For those of you who are studying for school, do it with all your heart and all of your effort as an opportunity to worship the Lord. That doesn't mean that you have to get all A's or be top of your class or the best in any way. You just have to give your best effort. Much like Cain and Able, God was asking for their best. When Able gave his best, God didn't suggest that Able go back to the field and try again. He accepted his offering of worship because it was the best of his effort. Those of you who work, do so as worship for the Lord. In your families, worship the Lord by filling your role in your family to the best of your ability. This is your spiritual act of worship.

Give an example in your life of what it means to work "with all your heart"?

How does viewing work as worship change the way we think about school, jobs, chores, and family responsibilities?

What is one area of your life where you are tempted to give less than your best effort?

How might your attitude toward school or your job change if you truly saw it as an opportunity to worship God?

What are some ways that laziness or a poor attitude can affect our worship of God?

Pray

Pray that God would accept your spiritual act of worship through your work.

Sing

*Yet Not I But Through
Christ In Me*

YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing: All is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley, He will lead
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!
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WEDNESDAY

Sin Has Broken Our Work

Read: Genesis 3:17-19; Ecclesiastes 2:22-23

Work is a good thing. Work was always meant to be a way for us to worship. And then the Fall happened. Adam and Eve ate from the tree of knowledge and brought sin into the world. One of the consequences of the Fall is that our work is painful and difficult. Having the responsibility to work is not the problem; in fact, it is our joy and honor to work for the Lord. The problem is that sin entered the world and ruined our relationship with work. That's why many of you wince at the topic of "work." It could be that we want to be lazy and not do any work. While that does happen, another unhealthy relationship with work is becoming obsessed with achievement. Some become workaholics and equate their value to how much they're able to achieve through their work. This comes with the added detriment of neglecting our families and other responsibilities that honor God as well. Sin has broken our relationship with work. Take some time to reflect on how your relationship with work has become corrupted and how you may need to repent from your broken relationship with work.

What was God's original purpose for work before sin entered the world?

What are some reasons people tend to have a negative attitude toward work?

Have you ever connected your personal value to your grades, job, accomplishments, income, or success? Why do we do this?

What responsibilities or relationships can suffer when we become obsessed with achievement?

Do you ever feel guilty when you are resting because you believe you should always be accomplishing something? What does this reveal about our relationship with work?

Pray

Pray that God would heal your broken relationship with work.

Sing

Revelation Song

REVELATION SONG

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Holy holy is He
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

Chorus:

Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory
And power be to You the only wise King

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power breath and living water
Such a marv'lous mystery yeah



THURSDAY

Jesus Redeems Our Work

Read: Ephesians 2:10; Matthew 5:16

We've firmly established that our work is to be used as a way of worship. We have also discussed how our relationship with work has been corrupted due to our sin. What we will see today is that Christ changes the way we approach our work. You see, we were created to do good works. Your good works do not save your soul, but your good works become a natural outpouring of your life after you know Christ as your Savior. This is how Jesus redeems our work. We are His workmanship. But what is a "good work?" A good work is a divinely prescribed action that brings glory to and points others to God. Is your life bringing glory to God? Is your life pointing others to God and His goodness? We should be a people who let our light shine before the world so that they might experience the goodness of the gospel of Christ. What are your works saying about God today?

According to Ephesians 2:10, what were believers created in Christ Jesus to do?

How would you define a "good work" in your own words?

Why is it important that our good works bring glory to God rather than attention to ourselves?

What are some "good works" that can be done in everyday life—not just at church?

What might your coworkers, classmates, friends, or family learn about God by watching the way you live?

Pray

Pray that God would use your life to communicate His goodness and holiness.

Sing

Jesus Paid It All

JESUS PAID IT ALL

I hear the Savior say,
"Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all."

Chorus:

Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy pow'r and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone. [Refrain]

For nothing good have I
Where-by Thy grace to claim;
I'll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb. [Refrain]

And when, before the throne,
I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save,"
My lips shall still repeat.



FRIDAY

Our Work is Never in Vain

Read: 1 Corinthians 15:58; Matthew 25:21

In our work, we are first called to be steadfast. We must be loyal to the God we work for. Loyal to His gospel. We also must be immovable. This means that we must be unflinching in the face of adversity to our good work that brings glory to God. Work for the Lord will not be done in an isolation chamber, where we face no adversity. We will encounter adversity as we attempt to “always abound in the work of the Lord.” We will encounter temptations to become lazy or compromising in our work for the Lord. We must remain steadfast and immovable. The Lord notices our hard work done in His name. Our work is never done in vain. It could be that our hard work for the Lord feels insignificant. A parent may wonder if the years they have spent raising their child actually matter. A Christian serving behind the scenes may wonder whether anyone even cares about the sacrifices they make every week. An employee may feel like just another cog in a machine. Know that the Lord notices our hard work done in His name. Our work is never done in vain when it is done in His name.

Why should we expect to face difficulties when we are trying to faithfully serve the Lord?

What are some temptations that can cause us to become lazy or compromise in our work for God?

Which is more difficult for you: remaining faithful when your work is hard or remaining faithful when nobody seems to notice?

Have you ever been tempted to give up on something God called you to do? What made you want to quit?

What is one area of ministry, work, or family life where God may be calling you to remain steadfast right now?

Pray

Pray that the Lord would protect you from temptations to quit when the going gets tough.

Sing

He Lives

HE LIVES

I serve a risen Savior
He's in the world today.
I know that He is living,
Whatever men may say.
I see His hand of mercy;
I hear His voice of cheer;
And just the time I need Him
He's always near.

Chorus:

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me
I see His loving care,
And though my heart grows weary,
I never will despair;
I know that He is leading,
Through all the stormy blast;
The day of His appearing
Will come at last.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian,
Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs
To Jesus Christ the King!
The Hope of all who seek Him,
The Help of all who find,
None other is so loving,
So good and kind.



Oh come,
let us
worship
and bow down;

let us
kneel
before the
Lord,
our Maker!

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Psalm 95:6

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"Go home to your friends and
tell them how much the Lord
has done for you, and how he
has had mercy on you."

Mark 5:19

